

REMARKS

Claim 15 is amended to correct an obvious inadvertent typographical error.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 15-34, drawn to an apparatus including a water craft and water pumping arrangement.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the invention of claims 1-14, drawn to a method of aerating bodies of water, is not an invention that is separate and distinct from the invention of claims 15-32, directed to a water craft and water pumping arrangement. Rather, the water craft invention of claims 15-34 is a particular embodiment of the method of claim 1. In particular, the water craft of claim 15 could be used to propel the water pumping arrangement of claim 1. Both claims require a water pumping arrangement to include a sheath having a propeller that sucks water from a body of water by at least one opening in the sheath. The turning propeller in both claims 1 and 15 is required to force the sucked water upwardly and force the upwardly forced water through another opening in the sheath below the surface of the body of the water so that the water forced through the another opening has a speed greater than the speed of the water sucked into the sheath and cause air bubbles to be induced in the water above the other opening.

Based on the foregoing, the invention of claim 15 is a specific embodiment of the invention of claim 1 and the inventions are not separate and distinct from each other. Consequently, the restriction requirement is improper because the invention of claim 15 is merely one specie for performing the method of claim 1.

Based on the foregoing, an action on the merits of claims 1-34 is in order.

To the extent necessary during prosecution, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorizes the Examiner to charge any required fees not otherwise provided for, including extension of time and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

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